

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 PM

The meeting was held at Shelter No. 1 at Chartiers Park, 1100 Chartiers Street. Council President Justine Cimarolli led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military.

ROLL CALL – Roll was called at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Council President Justine Cimarolli
Council Vice President Nick Ciesielski
Councilman Joseph Colosimo
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman Nino Petrocelli
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Also, present included: Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Tom McDermott, Borough Engineer John Heyl, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer and Chief of Police Gary James.

Absent: Fire Chief Ray Costain and EMS Chief Dan Miller

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Justin Thomas, 517 Dewey Avenue, questioned Borough Council about what is being done to lower the speed limit on Bank Street. Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Public Safety Committee met recently to discuss this and are working on implementing several action steps that could calm the traffic in this corridor, including Sarah St., Harding St., Winfield St. and Bank Street. Chief James also reported that the Police Department is running vascar speed enforcement in this area as well.

Mr. Paul Sheetz, 524 Dewey Avenue, stated that he also shares the same concerns as Mr. Thomas.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Colosimo abstained, motion carried.
2. A motion to approve the September 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the September 18, 25, October 2 and 9, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1037, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending the Borough of Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 2, Traffic Regulations, Subsection 15-211.1, Stop Intersections Established, specifically to create a 4-way stop intersection for vehicles traveling in all directions at the intersections of Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Road and at Mill Street and McLaughlin Run Road was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr.

Franchick; Mr. Ferri questioned the Chief of Police on the current operations of this intersection. Chief James said that it is operating as a four-way stop better than expected. Motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1038, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, Subsection 15-410, Penalties was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-23, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the signing of an agreement with PENNDOT for the adjustment of multiple sanitary sewer manholes for the Chartiers Street Slide Remediation Project was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Manager Kauer stated that PENNDOT is planning to start construction in late 2027-early 2028 and will replace nine manholes. The Borough's contribution to this project would be approximately \$16,000; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC ("the Franchisee") was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Ciesielski questioned what public facilities would be provided free cable television? Manager Kauer stated that the Borough Building, Library and Fire Station will be provided. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-25, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot No. 255-P-103 would be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the municipality was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to approve and authorize the execution of a renewed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Full-time Police Officers for the period January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031, was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Steck from the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board of Directors effective September 14, 2026, was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to appoint Michael Meglen to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board of Directors to a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2030 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$100,180.00 from the Capital Project Fund to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reimburse PENNDOT for the ADA sidewalk ramps constructed on Bank Street in 2025 was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize the transfer of the 2025 General Fund surplus to the following funds: \$155,000 to the Capital Project Fund and \$100,000 to the Budgetary Reserve Fund was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Ferri thanked the Borough Manager for his financial stewardship. Motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$2,000 to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department and \$1,000 to the Bridgeville Public Library from the 2026 Day on the Avenue proceeds was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$116,271 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to accept the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$109,546 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to authorize the execution of a Sculpture Loan Agreement for 2027 Seward Johnson Works as recommended by Public Art Bridgeville was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to accept the sole bid received and authorize the execution of an agreement by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and American Rock Salt Co. LLC, for the purchase of winter Rock Salt at SHACOG Purchasing Alliance bid price of \$160 per ton was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick. Mr. Sarasnick reported that the cost of salt is almost double compared to last year and that we need to change the manner in which we apply salt this season at this price. Manager Kauer reported that CharWest COG did an emergency bid for rock salt that we are participating in. The bid opening is September 28th. If their bid is lower than the SHACOG bid, we will proceed with the other vendor. Motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to authorize the advertisement and scheduling of a special budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 6PM was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

20. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – August 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the August 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Saransnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
22. A motion to accept all submitted August 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Saransnick, second by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – No report.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri thanked the Police Officers for committing to a renewed amicable collective bargaining agreement.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that the Committee recently met to discuss several items including improvements to the gazebo at Triangle Park, creating a dumpster enclosure at Chartiers Park, standardizing a park rules sign for all the parks and tree maintenance in Chartiers Park in 2027.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Saransnick reported that leaf collection starts October 12 and Brush Collection starts November 2nd, both programs run through December 4. He also reported that the Department finished up line painting, grass cutting continues, continue to perform truck maintenance, and recently responded to several emergency call outs for trees down on roadways and flooding.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Committee met to discuss traffic calming concerns and work is underway to put a plan together to address these issues. He thanked the police officers for accepting the renewed collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Ciesielski also reported that he attended the annual 9/11 ceremony and that on September 3rd the Borough experienced minor flooding on Baldwin Street, Jane Way, Carol Avenue and Darby Way. He thanked everyone who responded and cleaned up afterwards.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that he'll be attending their meeting this week. He also reported that the Lions Club will have a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on October 7th at the Fire Station.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland stated that she attended the September 11th ceremony at Holy Child Church. She stated that Chief James delivered a moving speech during the event.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that he provided the written reports and could answer any questions. He also reported that the Department over the past month had nine criminal arrests, issued 60 traffic citations, answered 704 calls in the month and conducted 202 separate traffic watches.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott stated that he provided his written report and could answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Heyl provided the Council with the annual MS4 report and training, information attached.

He also reported that the PENNDOT traffic signal permit application for the Bower Hill pedestrian crossing has been submitted and is currently working to get proposals to install storm sewer backflow preventors on two outfalls behind Carol Avenue and to replace a sanitary sewer manhole lid within McLaughlin Run Stream near Jane Way.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – no report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Ms. Tome reported that the Society was closed the last two weeks of August as the flooring was replaced and that they plan to have a Bake Sale on October 8 and 9.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that this month is Love Your Library month where contributions are matched by a grant. She stated that a Used Book Sale will be held on September 17 and 18, and a Trivia Night Fundraiser will be held on September 25th.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo stated that the new shelter at Chartiers Park is fabulous and received many compliments about the park. She reported that trash pick up continues in the lots, tree trimming in Lot 2 will be performed in the fall and they continue to seek funding assistance for security cameras and electric vehicle charging stations. Mrs. Colosimo also reported that the 2025 Audit has been completed and they are considering making Lot 3 a special parking lease area for trailers.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Guiliani stated that the Commission welcomed newest member JW Johnson. She stated that at the last meeting they discussed several community projects including streetscaping of Washington Avenue and the Chartiers Greenway Trail. Ms. Guiliani reported that the Commission provided Council with 2027 Budget recommendations and reported that University of Pittsburgh engineering students started their Acid Mine Runoff study for McLaughlin Run.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported on the following:

- Completed GEDTF grant application seeking \$200,000 to resurface the fire station parking lot and driveways. Project received support from Senator Robinson, Rep. Kulik, County Council and the BVFD.
- Submitted application and awarded \$2,767.24 grant from the State Attorney General for say no to drugs handouts that will be passed out during the Halloween Parade.
- Submitted application to Main Streets Allegheny for technical support for business district development support.
- The Workers Compensation Safety Committee received its annual training from the

State on September 3rd, and the Committee has been certified for the 2026-27 renewal of the Firefighters policy.

- 2027 Budget – work on next year's budget is underway.
- Borough Building masonry repairs have been completed by R&R. All of the problem areas have been repointed, spalling bricks replaced and cleaned up.
- Bower Hill Crossing Project – work continues to secure the necessary easements for the ADA ramp construction on the south side of the street.
- Tree Pittsburgh will host a Tree Adoption Program in Bridgeville on 9/26 at the Borough Building giving away 300 trees to residents at no charge. Registration is now open and most of the trees have been reserved by Bridgeville residents.
- Minor Flooding of Baldwin Street, Darby Way, Jane Way and Carol Avenue was sustained on September 3rd. No significant property damage was reported. Minor basement flooding was sustained at the Borough Building. DPW has cleared the stream of debris, trees and sediment built up in permitted areas.
- Chartiers Park Shelter 1 – DCNR completed their site visit of the shelter and inspected the project. The project met their specifications enabling us to close out the grant and seek reimbursement / grant close-out.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary